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CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIVISION

☒ WAIVER REQUEST

☐ RECONSIDERATION REQUEST

DATE: 9/4/2020

DOCKET #:

FILER INFORMATION

Name: Charles "Chuck" Lamarche

Office: Council Member, District 9

Parish: ST. TAMMANY

Election Date: 10/12/2019

Level of Office: Any

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: 10-G

Original Due Date: 11/6/2019

Date Filed: 11/13/2019

Activity Receipts: \$3,676.84

Expenditures: \$3,676.84

Funds at Close of Reporting Period: \$966.79

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$280

Days Late: 7

Late Fee Order Received: 2/24/2020

Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 3/16/2020

Waiver Request Received: 3/5/2020

Additional Information Requested:

- Medical

XX - Financial See Special Report for Waiver Documentation Request

- Other

COMMENTS: Chuck Lamarche request a waiver and states the following: He and his wife flew out to see his sister that is having health issues and for his wife to attend a conference for work. It happen to be right in the middle of the campaign. This is his first and last time running for office. He lost his job as he was dismissed soon after he returned from his trip. He had a lot in his mind and didn't realize he would miss a deadline. They sacrificed a lot of time and money and now they are in debt and emotionally drained.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Campaign Finance:

Other Outstanding Reports: No

Other Outstanding Late Fees: No

Prior Late Fees: No

Reassessed Late Fees: No

Disclosure Statements:

Other Outstanding Late Fees: No

Prior Late Fees: No

To whom it may concern;

I am writing to the board so I can appeal these fines. My wife and I had to fly out of town to see family as my sister is having health issues and I went to see my brother. It happened to be right in the middle of this campaign and those helping us run this campaign did not want me to go out of town, but I didn't have a choice. My wife had to attend a convention at the same time, so we planned to meet my brother to discuss issues with our sister as well as allow my wife to attend a convention she needed for her employment. This allowed us to save money, but ending up spending what we saved in this campaign. Now we are broke, broke, and broke. I am asking for mercy from the board as this was my first, AND LAST, time running for office. I lost my job as I was dismissed soon after I returned from this trip. So as you can see I had a lot on my mind and I did not realize that we were going to miss a deadline during this time period, as I was concentrating on family, my wife's employment as well as trying to find another job. We sacrificed a lot of time and money and now we are in debt and emotionally drained from this campaign. If I would have known how difficult this would have been, I would have never gone through with it. Now I understand why so many people do not run for office, SMART. We could not afford someone with experience with these forms and now I realize it was much harder that it appeared. So please help me with these fines as I am struggling with the debt I incurred to be humiliated in public and dragged through the mud, just so those who have held the position for 40 years could hand pick their replacement to keep them in power for another 4 years. I am grateful for your time and patience with me on this hardship.

Sincerely,


Chuck Lamarche

2/26/20

ETHICS BOARD RECD
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Melissa Horn

From: clamarche2@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 12:18 PM
To: Melissa Horn
Subject: Charles Lamarche email 2 Fwd: Expense Sheet and 6-month bank statements
Attachments: CapOne Oct.pdf; CapOne Nov.pdf; CapOne Dec.pdf; CapOne Jan.pdf; CapOne Feb.pdf; CapOne March.pdf; LamarcheMonthlyExpenses.docx

EXTERNAL EMAIL: Please do not click on links or attachments unless you know the content is safe.

Please see attached for the information requested. If there is anything else needed please let me know.

Thank you in advance for your help in this situation,

Charles Lamarche

-----Original Message-----

From: Amy <amyslidellrealtor@gmail.com>
To: clamarche2@aol.com
Sent: Wed, Apr 29, 2020 11:54 am
Subject: Expense Sheet and 6-month bank statements

Amy Lamarche



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March 26, 2020

Mr. Charles "Chuck" Lamarche
121 Herwig Bluff Rd.
Slidell, LA 70461-5047

RE: Ethics Board Docket No.: 2020-

Dear Mr. Lamarche:

You recently requested a waiver of the late fee assessed against you for filing your campaign finance disclosure report late in connection with the October 12, 2019 election. In your request, you are not financially able to pay the fine. If you would like the Board to consider your financial situation, you must provide documentation verifying your claim. Please provide a summary of your monthly expenses (rent/mortgage, utilities, loans, etc.), last six months' bank statement or latest income tax returns. The information you provide will only be reviewed by the Ethics Board.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at the above number.

Please submit the documentation to the above address by **April 30, 2020.**

Sincerely,

Melissa Horn